

ing to show that the legal machinery is totally ineffective. But there are areas where it has to be strengthened. That is why I mentioned that some of the laws are being reviewed and some of the laws are going to be amended.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Assistance to Earthquake Victims of Turkey

*618. SHRI C. K. KUPPUSWAMY:
SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI
BHANDARI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Government have taken any decision regarding assistance to the victims of recent earthquake in Turkey; and

(b) if so, the kind, quantum and value of the assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. The Government have decided to contribute relief supplies valued at Rs. 75 lakhs to Turkey for the victims of the recent earthquake. The supplies will consist of medicines and blankets.

Import of Seeds

*619. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the norms and criteria laid down by the Government for import of various varieties of seeds enlisted under Open General Licence by individuals/organisations,

(b) whether minimum/maximum quantity of various seeds to be imported by individuals/organisations is fixed; and

(c) the countries from which these seeds can be imported?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRIBALRAM JAKHAR): (a) A new Export and Import Policy was announced on the 31st March, 1992, valid for a period of 5 years from April, 1992 to March, 1997. In terms of this Policy there are two provisions for import of Seeds viz:—

1. (i) Seeds of vegetables, flowers and plants; tubers and bulbs of flowers;

(ii) Cuttings, saplings, budwood, etc. of flowers;
2. Plant, seeds and other plant material.
3. Seeds referred to at S. No. (1) above are freely importable. Seeds referred to at S. No. (2) are importable against specific Import Licence to be issued on the re-commendation of Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, subject to the PQFS Regulations.

(b) For the purposes of seed imported for trials certain quantities have been fixed